

## **FRISCO OFFERS SAFETY TIPS AS REGION PREPARES FOR HURRICANE RITA**

(September 22, 2005) The City of Frisco and its Emergency Operations Center offers residents and businesses some “safety tips” as our region prepares for Hurricane Rita.

As a result, forecasters are anticipating severe weather through the weekend, which may include high winds, heavy rains and possible flooding in some areas throughout North Texas.

The City of Frisco encourages citizens take the following actions:

- **Secure your trash and recycling carts.** For safety reasons – and to prevent loss – place your carts inside your garage or behind fences. Do not leave carts in alleyways.
- **Secure any lawn furniture and/or yard ornaments.** For the same reasons listed above, bring your lawn furniture inside. Items including small flower pots, signs or hanging ornaments should be brought inside and/or secured, so they are not blown around and create a safety hazard.
- **Secure construction sites and/or projects.** Make sure building materials and construction debris are secured and not subject to being blown around.
- **Park vehicles in garages, if possible.**
- **Gather supplies, including bottled water, non perishable food items, flashlights and batteries.** In the event of a power loss, we encourage residents use flashlights versus candles. We recommend you have several gallons of water stored – and don’t forget your manual can opener.

For more, detailed information and recommendations regarding Frisco’s “emergency management” operations, check out the City of Frisco’s Fire Department web page at [http://www.friscotexas.gov/fire/emergency\\_management.html](http://www.friscotexas.gov/fire/emergency_management.html) Find “emergency management” on the blue, navigation bar on the left and you will find more information on related topics, including Disaster Preparedness, Homeland Security, Severe Weather and Warning Sirens.

In the meantime, the City of Frisco’s Emergency Operations Center remains activated, as it has been since our community was first impacted by Hurricane Katrina on August 31.

The Frisco Fire Department continues to monitor the weather situation; however, we also encourage residents to monitor local media outlets for the latest weather conditions.

You may also monitor the National Weather Service’s National Hurricane Center online by checking out <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

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